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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JACQUELINE RAMOS and EDWIN JOHNSON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WALMART INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-13827-BRM-AME

Hon. Brian R. Martinotti, U.S.D.J. Hon. Andre M. Espinosa, U.S.M.J.

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT'S APPEAL OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S DISCOVERY ORDER, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR <u>JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS</u>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 6, 2022, or as soon thereafter as possible,

Defendant Walmart Inc. ("Walmart"), by and through its undersigned counsel, shall appeal

Magistrate Judge Espinosa's July 29, 2022 Discovery Order (ECF No. 77) and in the alternative,

move for a judgment on the pleadings (hereinafter, "Appeal and Motion in the Alternative for

Judgment on the Pleadings") in the above-captioned matter. Walmart appeals the Magistrate

Judge's Order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72, and Local

Rule 72.1(c)(1)(A), and moves in the alternative for a judgment on the pleadings under Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Walmart appeals the Magistrate Judge's ruling

with respect to "Issue 4" in the July 29, 2022 Discovery Order (ECF No. 77 at 2, 4)—i.e., the

Magistrate Judge's ruling that in determining the proper temporal scope of written discovery

pertaining to Plaintiffs' claims under the Pennsylvania Criminal History Record Information Act

("CHRIA"), he does not have authority to determine the "ultimate issue" of the applicable statute of

limitations of Plaintiffs' CHRIA claims. Walmart raises this appeal on the ground that the

Magistrate Judge does in fact have such authority under the Federal Magistrates Act. 28 U.S.C. §

636(b)(1)(A). In the alternative, Walmart moves the Court to issue a judgment on the pleadings

setting forth the statute of limitations for Plaintiffs' CHRIA claims. This Court should find that the

statute of limitations for Plaintiffs' CHRIA claims is two years, pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 5524(7).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT in support of the Appeal and Motion in the

Alternative for Judgment on the Pleadings, Walmart submits the accompanying Brief and

Declaration of Thomas R. Waskom.

A proposed form of order is submitted herewith.

Dated: August 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robert T. Quackenboss, counsel for Defendant Walmart Inc., hereby certify that on August 12, 2022, the foregoing document was served via the Court's CM/ECF filing system on all counsel of record.

/s/ Robert T. Quackenboss

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